Computerization of Railways

1207. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any step for computerization of Railways in Kerala and the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Railways earmarked for computerization, State-wise;

(d) the number of Railways computerized; and

(e) whether any budgetary allocation has been made for this purpose during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (e) Indian Railways have been undertaking two types of computerization projects since long, namely one for external customers and the other for internal/administrative purposes. The internal projects are Management Information Systems (MIS) project, Freight Operation Information System (FOIS) phase-I, Coaching Operation Information System (COIS), System Development Team (SDT) projects, Computerization of Zonal and Divisional Headquarters Workshop Computerization etc. The customer interface projects for providing Railway Services to customers are Passenger Reservation System (PRS), Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS), National Train Enquiry System (NTES), Self Printing Ticketing Machine (SPTM) etc.

Computerization is being extened to more and more functions of the Indian Railways in a phased manner, depending upon the infrastructure and funds position, covering all States of the country including Kerala.

The total budgetary outlay in the current financial year for all computerization works is Rs. 145 crore approx.

MG lines in Maharashtra

†1208. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length in terms of kilometre of metre gauge rail lines in Maharashtra at present;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the area-wise details of these rail lines;

(c) whether some rail lines out of these are lying damaged for many days;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for reconstruction and reoperationalise these rail lines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The length of metre gauge railway line (route kilometres) in Maharashtra is 445 kms. as on 31.3.2003 (latest available).

(b) The area (district-wise) details of these lines are as under:—

Amaravathi	29 kms.
Akola	174 kms.
Parbhani	110 kms.
Nanded	132 kms.
Total	445 kms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Creation of Rail Bijlee Company

1209. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new 'The Rail Bijlee Company' has been created to realize the rail dream of generation of power, as a joint venture;

(b) if so, the details of the project with its location;

(c) what are the deciding factors for location of such units in backward areas; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up such a unit in the most backward, poverty-stricken State of Orissa to generate employment and boost its economy; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Not yet, Sir.